MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BLAIR COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE: Thursday, April 26, 2018

TIME: 8:30 AM

PLACE: **Altoona Water Authority**
900 Chestnut Avenue
Altoona, Pennsylvania

1.) **Welcoming Remarks by the Chairperson**

Roll Call

Members	**Representing**
Members present:	
Herbert F. Shelow Sr., Secretary	Boroughs Collectively
James M. Dixon, Treasurer	City of Altoona
Patrick Baechle	Boroughs Collectively
Vincent G. DiLeo	City of Altoona
Dennis J. Hammel Sr.	Boroughs Collectively
Linda K. Smith	Townships Collectively
Members absent:	
William R. Hall, Chairperson	Townships Collectively
Randal S. Isenberg	City of Altoona
Benjamin C. Postles	Townships Collectively

Ex-Officio Member
None

Solicitor
None

Guests
Walt Frank, *Altoona Mirror*

Staff
Wesley L. Burket, AICP CTP, Transportation Planner
Sheryl A. Durbin, CAP, Planning Aide
Tina M. Enderlein, MS, AICP, Regional Planner
Jamie L. Klink, Community Planner
David W. McFarland, III, AICP, Planning Director

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1.) **Call To Order**

- Welcoming Remarks by the Chairperson
- Roll Call
- Review and Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held on March 29, 2018.

Motion:	To accept minutes as presented with no corrections or changes.
Moved:	Mr. Dixon
Seconded	Mr. Baechle
Voted:	6 in favor, no abstentions, so ordered by Chairperson

- Public Comments -- None

2.) **Alleghenies Ahead**

Mr. McFarland reported it is time to start the adoption process for Alleghenies Ahead after working on it for the past year and a half. He gave an overview of the plan. Steering committee meetings were held made up of 75 residents throughout the six counties who reached out to the community with kitchen table top discussions. There were 1100 people who responded on a survey. Now the plan will be open for additional public comment over the next 40 days. Some people are looking for an action item on homelessness and also, language to massage throughout the plan relative to transportation. Our average age is getting older; in 1950 the average age was about 31 and our average age now is just over 40. We are living longer which adds to the older population. Twenty percent of our workforce is over age 55. There is a major shortage of blue collar workers in Blair County. There are eight trends identified in the planning process, five of which are listed in for each county. Our families, strong social connections, neighbors, independence, self-reliance, land and heritage are our values. We first look within, we internalize and own our problems and also own our solutions, work together by reaching across boundaries, protect our region's natural beauty, and support creativity are our principles which guides decision making.

The process is taking action, our cycle, do our action planning, we have our outcomes, re-evaluate, and do more action planning. The comprehensive plan is very much designed to be a living document. The action planning will get us through the first two or three years and then we need to re-evaluate. We will keep the goals in place but we will re-evaluate the goals and steps. We want to establish regional broad band service; this will probably happen at the Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Commission regional level. For collaboration, we are going to evaluate our opportunities to share services to collaborate so people understand the costs and benefits by reaching across boundaries. Include agriculture representation in economic development working between the Conservation District and ABCD. We want to develop Altoona as an Ag hub to bring our local Ag products to a local market because Altoona is listed as a food desert. We want to develop an agricultural worker replacement agency; we are not looking for an office type agency but an industrial type agency to place workers on farms. For housing, evaluate the use of municipal financing incentives and abatement tools; revitalize our existing neighborhoods with mixed in and rehab units. Public health issues are to explore a local mobile drug take back program; complete an active county transportation plan or a bicycle/pedestrian plan; develop model land, development, regulations and public health policies.

Today, April 26, is the kickoff for the adoption schedule where we will be receiving public comments through May. There will be a planning commission public hearing on this in late May. In late June it will go to the County Commissioners for adoption. The Executive Summary of the plan is available through our website at blairplanning.org. Implementation of the plan will be by committees from the community some of which may already exist.

3.) Review of Proposed Subdivision and Land Development (Acts 247 & 537) and Component 4B

A. By Consent {Previously sent to board members}

City of Altoona

- Beers Lot Consolidation
  629 – 631 10th Avenue (Juniata)

Presentation and Discussion:	▪ This proposal is for the consolidation of six parcels, owned by Charles L. and Luanne C. Beers, into a single 1.052 acre lot. No development is planned in this proposal. ▪ The merged lot will have frontage along a public roadway and no additional vehicle trips should be generated at this time; therefore, we do not anticipate any negative impacts on the local transportation system or surrounding neighborhood as a result of this proposal. ▪ Environmentally, our review of natural features at this location has revealed the presence of steep slopes on a portion of the site. Since no development is planned in this proposal, these slopes should not be a significant concern at this time. ▪ Otherwise, our review did not reveal any immediate environmental concerns; the site is not located within the 100-year floodplain, nor does it contain any wetlands, prime agricultural soils or Blair County Natural Heritage Inventory areas. ▪ This site is located within the Little Juniata River Watershed; since no development is planned in this proposal, no additional stormwater runoff should be generated and no negative impacts on this watershed are expected.

- Golden Hearts Homes, LLC Subdivision
  1932-1942 Walton Avenue

Presentation and Discussion:	▪ This proposal is for the subdivision of a 0.414 acre parcel, owned by Golden Hearts Homes, LLC, into two separate lots totaling 0.207 acres each. A proposed house is shown on the plan drawing; however, no development is proposed at this time. ▪ Both lots will have frontage along a public roadway and no additional vehicle trips should be generated at this time; therefore, we do not anticipate any negative impacts on the local transportation system or surrounding neighborhood as a result of this proposal. ▪ Environmentally, our review of natural features at this location did not reveal any immediate environmental concerns; the site is not located within the 100-year floodplain, nor does it contain any wetlands, steep slopes, prime agricultural soils or Blair County Natural Heritage Inventory Areas. ▪ This site is located within the Beaverdam Branch of the Juniata River Watershed; since no development is planned in this proposal, no additional stormwater runoff should be generated and no negative impacts on this watershed are expected at this time.

- Lynn Warehousing Lot Line Relocation/Merge Plan
  4601 Cortland Avenue

Presentation and Discussion:	▪ This proposal is for a property line change between two parcels owned by Lynn Warehousing III, LLC. The proposed change will see the property line between the two parcels adjusted in order to better reflect the existing conditions, and result in lot sizes of 7.69 acres and 4.270 acres, respectively. No development is proposed in this plan. ▪ Additionally, a 25 foot-wide access easement will be created across the 4.270 acre lot in order to provide adequate access to the 7.69 acre lot. As part of this proposal, a portion of the unopened North 9th Avenue will be vacated and merged with the two parcels. ▪ Both lots will have access to a public roadway and no additional vehicle trips should be generated at this time. Furthermore, the vacation of the unopened North 9th Avenue is not expected to cause any significant negative impacts on the local transportation system. ▪ Environmentally, our review of natural features at this location did not reveal any immediate environmental concerns; the site is not located within the 100-year floodplain, nor does it contain any wetlands, steep slopes, prime agricultural soils or Blair County Natural Heritage Inventory areas. ▪ This site is located within the Beaverdam Branch of the Juniata River Watershed; since no development is planned in this proposal, no additional stormwater runoff should be generated and no negative impacts on this watershed are expected at this time.

<u>Hollidaysburg Borough</u>

- Fisher and Holliday Lot Line Relocation
  North Montgomery Street and Elm Avenue

Presentation and Discussion:	▪ This proposal is for a change in property lines between two parcels: a 0.289 acre parcel owned by Ellen C. Fisher; and a 0.208 acre parcel owned by Elwood C. Holliday, Jr. and Felecia A. Holliday. The proposed change will result in the transfer a 0.023 acre tract of the Fisher property to the Holliday property, for final lot sizes of 0.266 acres for the Hollidays and 0.231 acres for Fisher. No development is proposed in this plan. ▪ Both lots will continue to have frontage along a public roadway and no additional vehicle trips should be generated at this time; therefore, we do not anticipate any negative impacts on the local transportation system or surrounding neighborhood as a result of this proposal. ▪ Environmentally, our review of natural features at this location did not reveal any immediate environmental concerns; this site is not located within the 100-year floodplain, nor does it contain any wetlands, steep slopes, prime agricultural soils or Blair County Natural Heritage Inventory areas. ▪ This site is located within the Beaverdam Branch of the Juniata River Watershed; since no development is planned in this proposal, no additional stormwater runoff should be generated and no negative impacts on this watershed are expected.

Allegheny Township

- Arnold Sewage Planning
  Laurel Drive and Longview Drive

Presentation and Discussion:	This sewage facilities planning module received a review of natural features during the completion of the PA DEP Component 4B form. The sewage facilities plan was consistent with countywide comprehensive planning.

Antis Township

- Blair Memorial Park, Inc. and Blair Memorial, Inc. Subdivision/Lot Merge
  State Routes 0865 and 1001

Presentation and Discussion:	▪ This proposal is for the subdivision of a ±62.329 acre parcel, owned by Blair Memorial Park, Inc., for the purpose of transferring a 0.189 acre tract to be transferred and merged with the adjacent 0.106 acre parcel, owned by Martin Oil Company. Final lot sizes will total ±62.14 and 0.295 acres, respectively. No development is proposed in this plan. ▪ Both lots will have frontage along a public roadway and no additional vehicle trips should be generated at this time; therefore, we do not anticipate any negative impacts on the local transportation system as a result of this proposal. ▪ Environmentally, our review of natural features at this location has revealed the presence of prime agricultural soils and the 100-year floodplain on portions of the site. Since no development is proposed in this plan, these features should not be a significant concern at this time. ▪ Otherwise, our review did not reveal any immediate environmental concerns; the site does not contain any wetlands, steep slopes or Blair County Natural Heritage Inventory areas. ▪ This site is located within the Little Juniata River Watershed; since no development is planned, no additional stormwater runoff should be generated and no negative impacts on this watershed are expected.

Logan Township

- Hoover Subdivision
  1669 Notre Dame Road

Presentation and Discussion:	▪ This proposal is for the subdivision of a 0.574 acre parcel, owned by Steven S. Hoover, into two lots totaling 0.279 acres and 0.295 acres, both containing existing residences. No development is proposed in this plan. ▪ Both residences will have access to a public roadway through the existing shared driveway at the site. Since ownership of both residences will be retained by Mr. Hoover, no conflicts or disputes over access are expected at this time. Furthermore, no additional vehicle trips should be generated at this time; therefore, we do not anticipate any negative impacts on the local transportation system or surrounding neighborhood as a result of this proposal. ▪ Environmentally, our review of natural features at this location has revealed the presence of prime agricultural soils on the entire site. Since this site is

	located in a developed area, the proposal is only for a subdivision and no development is proposed, these soils should not be a significant concern. ▪ Otherwise, our review did not reveal any immediate environmental concerns; the site is not located within the 100-year floodplain, nor does it contain any wetlands, steep slopes or Blair County Natural Heritage Inventory areas. ▪ This site is located within the Little Juniata River Watershed; since no development is planned in this proposal, no additional stormwater runoff should be generated and no negative impacts on this watershed are expected.

Motion:	**To approve staff recommendations for above Minor Proposed Subdivision and Land Development (Acts 247 & 537) and Component 4B consent agenda review.**
Moved:	Mr. Baechle
Seconded	Mrs. Smith
Voted:	6 in favor, no abstentions, so ordered by Chairperson

B. By Review {Full Presentation and Discussion at the Meeting}

City of Altoona

- The Mill, A Mixed Use Condominium Building
  2400 8th Avenue

Presentation and Discussion:	▪ This proposal is for the redevelopment of the existing former Silk Mill property for the purpose of converting the site into a 96,070 square-foot, mixed-use office, restaurant and apartment complex. In addition to the development plans, a lot merge plan has also been included which will see the two parcels composing the site merged (2.066 and 0.269 acres) with a 0.063 acre portion of the 25th Street right-of-way, for a final merged lot size of 2.398 acres. Prior to construction, a portion of the existing structure and an adjacent gas station will also need to be demolished. ▪ Proposed parking at the site will total 248 spaces, which includes 8 Americans with Disabilities Act accessible spaces; the proposed amount of parking will meet Altoona's requirements of 248 spaces based upon the proposed land use types at the site. Parking space dimensions will measure 9 feet-wide by 18 feet-long, which will not meet Altoona's requirements of 19 foot-long spaces; we do not oppose the parking space dimensions, since 18 foot-long spaces are generally acceptable to accommodate most vehicles and are the standard in many other municipalities. ▪ Bicycle parking will be included at the site in three places: one rack near the main structure, another rack located across 25th Street, as well as an internal bicycle storage room. We greatly appreciate the inclusion of bicycle parking at the site, especially the internal bicycle storage room and due to the site's close proximity to the proposed Beale Avenue Traffic Calming and Urban Sustainability Improvements Project; however, we recommend placing all exterior bicycle parking near the main structure and also recommend that the developer ensures that exterior bicycle parking is provided at a rate of one

space for every ten vehicle spaces, which would require at least 24 bicycle parking spaces. Furthermore, we recommend that the proposed bicycle parking facilities be a modern design, such as an "Inverted U" type of rack, for reasons of reducing stress on bicycle wheels and allowing locking of the frame and wheels simultaneously. If there are any questions about bicycle parking facilities, the developer should contact the Blair County Planning Commission for suggestions and guidance.

- Access to the site will be through multiple bidirectional access driveways, with widths measuring between 20 feet-wide and 24 feet-wide. Also, two service driveways are proposed along 9th Avenue. The proposed access driveways and parking lot aisles appear to provide adequate access and maneuverability within the site; however, the driveway located near the intersection of 25th Street and 8th Avenue, as well as the service driveway located near the intersection of 24th Street and 9th Avenue, appear to be located closer than 50 feet to the respective intersections. If possible, we recommend reconfiguring the service driveway to connect to 24th Street further from the intersection. We also recommend eliminating the access driveway near the intersection of 8th Avenue and 25th Street, since it does not appear that this is a necessary driveway since this parking area has another bidirectional driveway connecting to 25th Street.
- Sidewalks have been provided within the site and along the entire perimeter of the site, including crosswalks and ADA accessible curb ramps; the proposed sidewalks, crosswalks and curb ramps should provide for a safe walking environment at the site.
- Abundant landscaping and street trees will be included as part of this proposal. The developer should ensure all landscaping will meet Altoona's landscaping and street tree requirements, including parking lot island landscaping requirements; based upon the provided landscaping plan, it appears that the proposed landscaping will provide for an attractive site, as well as provide screening of headlight glare from parking lot areas.
- The provided photometrics and lighting plan shows small amounts of light spillage across the property line; the developer should ensure that the proposed lighting will not produce excess glare onto the neighboring properties and roadways and should ensure that the proposed lighting will conform to Altoona's lighting requirements.
- Due to the size and nature of this proposed project, there is a possibility that the finished site could generate in excess of 100 peak hour vehicle trips and/or require a Transportation Impact Study; if the developer has not already done so, we recommend consulting with PennDOT and the City of Altoona to determine any potential negative impacts on the local transportation system and surrounding neighborhood as a result of this proposal.
- Environmentally, our review of natural features at this location did not reveal any immediate environmental concerns; the site is not located within the 100-year floodplain, nor does it contain any wetlands, steep slopes, prime agricultural soils or Blair County Natural Heritage Inventory areas.

	▪ This site is located within the Beaverdam Branch of the Juniata River Watershed; impervious surface cover will be reduced as a result of this plan, which should help to reduce post-construction stormwater runoff rates/volumes and help to mitigate negative impacts on this watershed.

Logan Township

- Harned Subdivision/Lot Consolidation Plan
  East Hamilton Lane

Presentation and Discussion:	▪ This proposal is for the subdivision of a 0.049 acre tract from portions of three parcels owned by Steven R. and Julie A. Harned, for the purpose of transferring the subdivided tract to Logan Township for the widening of the East Hamilton Lane right-of-way. No development is proposed in this plan. ▪ The residual lot will continue to have adequate access to a public roadway and no additional vehicle trips will be generated at this time; therefore, we do not anticipate any negative impacts on the local transportation system or surrounding neighborhood as a result of this proposal. ▪ Environmentally, our review of natural features at this location has revealed the presence of steep slopes and prime agricultural soils on portions of the site. Since this proposal is strictly for a subdivision and no development is proposed, these features should not be a concern with regard to this proposal. ▪ Otherwise, our review did not reveal any immediate environmental concerns; the site is not located within the 100-year floodplain, nor does it contain any wetlands or Blair County Natural Heritage Inventory areas. ▪ This site is located within the Little Juniata River Watershed; since no development is planned in this proposal, no additional stormwater runoff should be generated and no negative impacts on this watershed are expected.

Motion:	To approve staff recommendations for above Subdivision and Land Development (Acts 247 & 537).
Moved:	Mr. Dixon
Seconded	Mr. Hammel
Voted:	6 in favor, no abstentions, so ordered by Chairperson

4.) Review of Actions by Governing Bodies

Blair Township

- Code of Adoption 2018
  Specific Revisions at Time of Adoption of Code

Presentation and Discussion:	Codification of ordinances is an important function of municipal governments that provides an accessible, comprehensive collection of a municipality's legislation that will prove beneficial to research, understanding and enforcement. Blair Township has provided a clear and extensive code of ordinances that is well organized and should be seen as a benefit to all who would need to utilize these groups of legislation. While this is not a major revision of the various ordinances, we commend Blair Township for preparing an updated and consolidated codification of ordinances.

	With regard to relevant Chapters within the Code pertaining to planning, no major changes have been proposed. Specifically, definitional and operational changes have been proposed, in addition to changes made for clarification and siting of pertinent legislative sources; we did not encounter any conflicts between the proposed Code or Blair County's Comprehensive Plan and we are in full support of this proposal.

Motion:	To approve the adoption of the Blair Township Codification of their code.
Moved:	Mr. Baechle
Seconded	Dr. DiLeo
Voted:	6 in favor, no abstentions, so ordered by Chairperson

5.) Intergovernmental Review Requests (Acts 14, 67, 68, 127, or EO 12372)

Mr. Kink stated there was one change after the agenda was printed under the City of Altoona, the annual notification of upstream regulated substances, was not something that required our review or comment.

A. By Consent {Previously sent to board members}

Blair County

- Grant Applications for Consideration to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
  2018 State Energy Program Formula -- $1,530,360
  2018 Defense-State Memorandum of Agreement -- $494,486
  2017 Non-Point Source Implementation 319 (h) Grant -- $5,159,200

City of Altoona

- Annual Notification of Upstream Regulated Substances
  Juniata Locomotive Shop, 200 North 4th Avenue

Hollidaysburg Borough

- McClanahan Corporation, Beaver Street
  Permit BAQ-GPA/GP-19 for a new dry abrasive blasting/shot blast booth and plan approval of air contamination source for a new rubber application to fabricated steel operation

Antis Township

- S.R. 4018, Segment 0030, Offset 1212, Over Riggle's Gap Run
  Notification of Application of Water Obstruction Permit

Taylor Township

- New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc.
  State Only Operating Permit #07-3014, Roaring Spring Quarry

Presentation and Discussion:	The above Intergovernmental review requests received the standard letter. The Blair County Planning Commission states that Blair County adopted its Comprehensive Plan in August, 2007. The above-referenced project is consistent with the county comprehensive plan in the concepts presented at this time. While further reviews may be necessary at various jurisdictional levels, the general concept is needed, and conforms with countywide planning efforts.

B. By Review Intergovernmental {Full Presentation and Discussion at the Meeting}

Williamsburg Borough and Woodbury Township

- Williamsburg Municipal Authority
  Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) for Funding for
  Water System Improvements

Presentation and Discussion:	The Blair County Planning Commission is in receipt of the Williamsburg Municipal Authority's proposal for Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PennVEST) funding for upgrading and extending the Williamsburg water system within Williamsburg Borough and Woodbury Township. Our comments regarding this proposal's conformity with county comprehensive planning are as follows. The purpose of this letter is to certify the compliance of the proposed Williamsburg Municipal Authority's water system improvements project with Blair County's comprehensive planning efforts. The proposed improvement projects, located within various sections of the Williamsburg Borough and Woodbury Township, are consistent with goals and objectives of the *Areawide Comprehensive Plan for Blair County*. Specific goals and objectives listed in the *Comprehensive Plan* that this project will help to achieve include: ▪ Supporting public investments in water and sewer infrastructure. ▪ The areawide development goal for water and sewer planning is to provide adequate water, sewerage, sewage treatment, and other public utility services to the developed and developing areas of the county, thereby insuring a safe, sanitary, and attractive environment in which to live and work. ▪ Municipalities require technical and financial assistance to upgrade outdated plants and systems. Without such upgrades, the needs of Blair County residents cannot be met, with potential negative impacts on the community health and environment.

Greenfield Township

- Claysburg Community Center – Removal of Architectural Barriers
  Use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds

Presentation and Discussion:	The staff of the Blair County Planning Commission reports that the Claysburg Community Center Removal of Architectural Barriers Project, located at 122 Senior Drive in Greenfield Township, utilizing Pennsylvania Community Development Block Grant funds, is consistent with the *Areawide Comprehensive Plan for Blair County* and the Keystone Principles & Criteria for Growth, Investment & Resource Conservation. Specifically, this project is for engineering and construction costs associated with the removal of architectural barriers, the creation of a new ADA parking area, installation of a new accessible entrance, adding new accessible features in the public kitchen, ADA upgrades to the existing restroom facilities, and replacement of the emergency alarm system in the building; this project is consistent with Community Development Goals and Objectives listed in Blair County's Comprehensive Plan. Environmentally, this proposed project is not anticipated to have negative impacts on any of the areas of statutory or regulatory compliance. Any unforeseen impacts on these resources as a result of the above mentioned project should be identified and mitigated throughout the standard environmental assessment process.

- Claysburg Area Community Park – Removal of Architectural Barriers
  Use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds

Presentation and Discussion:	The staff of the Blair County Planning Commission reports that the Claysburg Community Park Removal of Architectural Barriers Project, located at 167 Community Park Road in Greenfield Township, utilizing Pennsylvania Community Development Block Grant funds, is consistent with the *Areawide Comprehensive Plan for Blair County* and the Keystone Principles & Criteria for Growth, Investment & Resource Conservation. Specifically, this project is for engineering and construction costs related to the removal of architectural barriers, new accessible parking spaces, creation of pedestrian accessible routes, reconstruction of the existing gazebo ramp, and completion of restroom upgrades; this project is consistent with Community Development Goals and Objectives listed in Blair County's Comprehensive Plan. Environmentally, this proposed project is not anticipated to have negative impacts on any of the areas of statutory or regulatory compliance. Any unforeseen impacts on these resources as a result of the above mentioned project should be identified and mitigated throughout the standard environmental assessment process.

Motion:	To approve staff recommendations for A. and B. above Intergovernmental Review requests. (Acts 14, 67, 68, 127, or EO 12372).
Moved:	Dr. DiLeo
Seconded	Mrs. Smith
Voted:	5 in favor, Mr. Hammel abstained, so ordered by Chairperson

6.) **Public Health Activities** – Mrs. Enderlein reported --

- **WalkWorks Update/Healthiest County Challenge**
  Signs have arrived and we are in the process of putting them up on the five routes. The kickoff events are planned for this spring and summer.
  - Claysburg kickoff is May 3 at 6 PM in conjunction with a United Way trail in the park
  - Roaring Spring kickoff will be on Memorial Day, May 28 at 10 AM in conjunction with their Memorial Day parade
  - On May 29 the kickoff for Bellwood will be starting at Myers Elementary School at 1 PM
  - Martinsburg kickoff will be in conjunction with the 4th of July parade on July 3
  - Tunnelhill/Gallitzin will be on July 29 in conjunction with the Firefighters Association Convention

  After the kickoff events, the Eco counter will be put up for about a week to get post counts to compare with the pre-event counts. There is an impact report with more information from the Aetna grant in June and then in September we will find out who won the Challenge.

- **Healthy Blair County Coalition Collaboration**
  The active living brochure was done with Colleen's group and South Hills and is going to print this week. The Healthy Blair County Coalition Day will be Sunday, May 6, at the Blair County ballpark.

- **PSU Sustainable Communities Collaborative**
  - **Renewable Energy**
    This past Monday they went to an expo in State College at the Borough building for all the students who had their posters. There were four groups that went down to Canoe Creek State Park to look at renewable energy. We should be getting a report from the four groups.

- **Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan**
  Tom Schaffer from Penn State Altoona will be sending a list of interns who are to be applying for a GIS data collection intern. That will be starting in the fall.

- **South Hills School of Business Collaboration Marketing/Promotional Materials**
  We will be working with a different instructor, Patty, with a social media/marketing class. The class came to our office on a field trip on April 13. We talked to them about some of the projects we are working on, how to expand our social media and outreach, and how to reach our audience. We hope to have a presentation from them in May as their semester ends on June 12.

7.) Hazard Mitigation

- Tour of Municipalities
  Mr. McFarland reported he visited the municipalities to talk to them about their hazard mitigation action items. There seems to be an interest in the flood plain, transportation, and working towards a capacity issue. He asked about interest in a flood plain administrator countywide. There were two no's, two didn't know, and the rest were interested in it at a countywide level. There are still three more municipalities he needs to visit.

8.) Administrative Matters

- None

9.) Planning Commissioners' Forum

Mr. Baechle reported there was a group of cyclist doing a demonstration ride for the September 11th Trail which started at the Pentagon, rode out to Shanksville then came through Hollidaysburg, up to New York for a 1300 mile ride. Some of the trail is off road, a lot is street trails, and they are evaluating ways to improve the trails.

Mr. Burket reported at 1 PM this afternoon PennDOT Harrisburg is holding their stakeholders bike and pedestrian master plan meeting at Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Commission and that you can participate remotely.

10.) Questions from the Media

Mr. Frank asked Mr. McFarland what has to happen before the final approval of the Alleghenies Ahead plan. Mr. McFarland said it goes before the commissioners and each county has to do a separate approval. Blair County is looking at an end of June timeline.

11.) Announcements

- Statement of Financial Interests for 2017 are to be filed with Blair County, Sarah Seymour, Director of Elections, no later than May 1, 2018.
- Next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **May 31, 2018** at Altoona Water Authority.
- Mr. Burket said that after working with PennDOT District 9-0, ABCD Corporation, Amtran and the City of Altoona to apply for PennDOT special study funds, the planning commission and MPO have been awarded $180,000 to hire a consultant to do a study that would help implement the City's Housing and Downtown Investment Plan. He said that the study would evaluate the potential for walking and bicycling facilities in the downtown and improvements for traffic circulation.

12.) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Herbert F. Shelow Sr.
Secretary

ATTACHMENTS:
None